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Transportation Committee Public Hearing
February 13, 2013

In support of:

HB 5122 AA Committing Bus and Rail Fare Increases to Bus and Rail Upgrades
HB 5128 AAC the Use of Revenue from Bus and Rail Fare Increases for Service Upgrades,
Operations and Maintenance

HB 5301 AAC Use of Revenue from Bus and Rail Fare Increases
SB 627 AA Limiting the Use of Revenue Received for Transportation Fees for Transportation
Purposes

Dear Sen. Maynard, Rep. Guerrero and Members of the Transportation Committee,

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, a statewide coalition of 33 business, social service, environmental, planning, transportation and civic organizations dedicated to increasing awareness of the benefits of bus transit and advocating for increased investment in transit service, I urge you to support HB 5122 AA Committing Bus and Rail Fare Increases to Bus and Rail Upgrades, HB 5128 AAC the Use of Revenue from Bus and Rail Fare Increases for Service Upgrades, Operations and Maintenance, HB 5301 AAC Use of Revenue from Bus and Rail Fare Increases, and SB 627 AA Limiting the Use of Revenue Received for Transportation Fees for Transportation Purposes.

Billions of dollars are needed to ensure that Connecticut's transportation infrastructure is properly maintained and operating efficiently. Improvement and expansion of our highways and transit network is essential to Connecticut's economic future. With federal funding stagnating, if not declining, Connecticut will have to carry a heavier share of the investment burden. Bus and rail fare increases should be used for service upgrades, operations and maintenance and Special Transportation Fund revenue should be used for transportation purposes. Please support HB 5122, HB 5128, HB 5301 and SB 627.

Thank you for your consideration

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